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Testimony of Richard L. Robinson to the House Committee on Regulatory Reform

*The Wall Street Journal* spoke on the merits of House Bill 4849 with more eloquence than I possess in an editorial last August 12th titled "The Realtor Racket."

In its editorial the *Journal* cited internal communications from the National Association of Realtors to its state affiliates related to the concept of this bill:

"Realtors have the right to lobby for legislative action – even if the effect of such action would be anti-competitive."

"state laws that are designed to replace competition with regulation"

House Bill 4849 is designed to serve an interest group – the Michigan Association of Realtors – at the expense of our state's consumers, and it deserves to be voted down by this committee.

I wish to introduce to the record an itemized list of campaign contributions from the Michigan Association of Realtors PAC to the members of the 93rd Legislature and their various political action committees - \$410,000 from the beginning of 2003 through July 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. The Michigan Association of Realtors has spent an additional \$60,000 for lobbying during the same period.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the committee.



Contributions from Michigan Association of Realtors State Pac, 2003-2005  
Caucus and Leadership PACs

	<b>2003-2005</b>
Senate Republican Campaign Committee	\$60,000
House Republican Campaign Committee	40,000
House Democratic Fund	12,300
Senate Democratic Fund	10,000
Ken Sikkema Leadership Fund	9,000
JDC Genesee Fund (John Cherry)	8,000
Cox 5200 Club	7,400
Granholm Leadership Fund	5,000
Byrum Leadership Fund	1,500
Knights of the Round Table Leadership PAC (Mike Bishop)	1,000
Kuipers Impact Fund	800
Kooiman Leadership Fund	600
Chris Ward Majority Fund	400
Huizenga House Fund	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$156,350</b>

Contributions from Michigan Association of Realtors State PAC, 2003-2005  
Michigan House of Representatives

2003-2004 1/1-7/20/2005				2003-2004 1/1-7/20/2005			
Accavitti, Frank	\$1,650	\$150	Leland, Gabe	1,100	150		
Acciavatti, Daniel	2,650	750	Lemmons, Jr., LaMar	0	0		
Adamini, Stephen	650	300	<b>Lemmons, III., LaMar</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
Amos, Fran	1,750	150	<b>Lipsey, Alexander</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>350</b>		
Anderson, Glenn	3,250	150	Marleau, Jim	1,500	300		
Angerer, Kathy	0	1,000	Mayes, Jeff	2,000	350		
Ball, Richard	0	300	McConico, Bill	1,150	150		
Baxter, Rick	0	500	<b>McDowell, Gary</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>		
Bennett, Doug	0	150	Meisner, Andy	1,250	0		
Bieda, Steve	1,250	0	Meyer, Tom	2,300	150		
Booher, Darwin	1,000	450	Miller, Fred	0	250		
Brandenburg, Jack	2,650	175	Moolenaar, John	3,300	400		
Brown, Rich	775	0	Moore, Tim	0	300		
Byrnes, Pam	0	1,150	Mortimer, Leslie	3,000	0		
Byrum, Dianne	4,250	250	Murphy, Michael	500	0		
Casperson, Tom	5,000	200	Newell, Gary	2,525	450		
Caswell, Bruce	0	150	Nitz, Neal	2,300	150		
Caul, Bill	1,150	750	Nofs, Mike	3,500	1,000		
Cheeks, Marsha	0	150	Palmer, Brian	1,300	300		
Clack, Brenda	500	0	<b>Palsrok, David</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>0</b>		
Clemente, Ed	3,000	250	Pastor, John	5,000	450		
Condino, Paul	1,275	300	Pavlov, Phil	2,500	500		
Cushingberry, George	1,000	0	Pearce, Tom	1,000	300		
DeRoche, Craig	2,500	1,800	Phillips, Clarence	425	0		
Dillon, Andy	0	150	Plakas, James	0	150		
Donigan, Marie	0	150	Polidori, Gino	500	0		
Drolet, Leon	2,300	150	Proos, IV, John	1,000	150		
Elsenheimer, Kevin	1,000	775	Robertson, David	5,000	300		
Emmons, Judy	2,300	0	<b>Rocca, Tory</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>300</b>		
Espinoza, John	0	150	Sak, Michael	625	375		
Farhat, David	5,000	400	Schuitmaker, Tonya	1,500	250		
Farrah, Barbara	1,300	300	Shaffer, Rick	1,300	150		
<b>Gaffney, Edward</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>150</b>	Sheen, Fulton	1,450	750		
Garfield, John	1,000	175	Sheltrown, Joel	0	300		
Gillard, Matthew	800	150	Smith, Alma Wheeler	2,000	150		
Gleason, John	1,400	150	Smith, Virgil	0	150		
Gonzalez, Lee	0	150	Spade, Dudley	0	325		
Gosselin, Robert	1,000	0	Stahl, John	0	300		
Green, Kevin	1,800	885	Stakoe, John	1,550	500		
Hanson, Goeff	0	150	Steil, Jr., Glenn	2,050	600		
Hildenbrand, Dave	4,500	500	Stewart, John	0	175		
Hood, III, Morris	1,150	0	Taub, Shelley	650	500		
Hoogendyk, Jr., Jacob	1,225	300	Tobocman, Steve	2,425	300		
Hopgood, Hoon-Yung	1,500	200	Vagnozzi, Aldo	525	125		
Huizenga, Bill	3,100	0	<b>Van Regenmorter, William</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
Hummel, Scott	2,500	400	Vander Veen, Barbara	1,450	150		
Hune, Joe	5,000	300	Walker, Howard	1,000	300		
Hunter, Tupac	450	450	Ward, Chris	5,000	500		
<b>Jones, Rick</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>300</b>	Waters, Mary	1,550	0		
Kahn, Roger	1,000	0	Wenke, Lorence	3,000	175		
Kehrl, Herb	0	150	Whitmer, Gretchen	2,225	150		
Kolb, Chris	2,150	150	Williams, Carl	150	300		
Kooiman, Jerry	3,350	0	<b>Wojno, Lisa</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>250</b>		
LaJoy, Phillip	2,100	250	Zelenko, Paula	0	0		
Law, David	2,500	2,500	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$163,575</b>	<b>\$31,985</b>		
Law, Kathleen	500	150	<b>Average</b>	<b>\$1,487</b>	<b>\$291</b>		

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Contributions from Michigan Association of Realtors State PAC, 2003-2005  
Michigan Senate

**2003-2004 1/1-7/20/2005**

Allen,	Jason	\$1,225	\$350
Barcia,	James	300	0
Basham,	Raymond	900	0
Bernero,	Virg	225	0
Birkholz,	Patricia	900	300
Bishop,	Michael	850	0
Brater,	Liz	0	150
Brown,	Cameron	750	300
Cassis,	Nancy	1,700	450
Cherry,	Deborah	950	650
Clark-Coleman,	Irma	150	0
Clarke,	Hansen	0	0
Cropsey,	Alan	250	400
Emerson,	Robert	600	400
Garcia,	Valde	4,600	200
George,	Thomas	350	200
Gilbert, II,	Judson	1,400	1,400
Goschka,	Mike	300	350
Hammerstrom,	Beverly	1,600	0
Hardiman,	Bill	1,650	0
Jacobs,	Gilda	0	175
Jelinek,	Ron	775	600
Johnson,	Shirley	3,400	400
Kuipers,	Wayne	250	200
Leland,	Burton	150	300
McManus,	Michelle	3,100	1,200
Olshove,	Dennis	175	175
Patterson,	Bruce	1,350	800
Prusi,	Michael	150	0
Sanborn,	Alan	1,800	550
Schauer,	Mark	975	2,175
Scott,	Martha	200	0
Sikkema,	Kenneth	2,100	1,300
Stamas,	Tony	5,575	1,025
Switalski,	Michael	200	300
Thomas, III,	Samuel Buzz	600	400
Toy,	Laura	1,200	600
Van Woerkom,	Gerald	2,450	500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,150</b>	<b>\$15,850</b>
	<b>Average</b>	<b>\$1,136</b>	<b>\$417</b>